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1. In June 1955 a total of 84,113,190 kg of various goods were transported in 4,658 freight cars through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (P49/X89) - Marchegg (P49/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 74,320,628 kg in 3,979 carloads and 306 various containers went from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves, and 9,792,562 kg in 679 carloads and 250 containers went in the opposite direction.

The following goods were involved:

A.	Metals	516,738	kg in	31	carloads &	2	cases
B.	Metal goods	5,007,506	kg in	302	carloads &	213	cases
C.	Chemicals	2,755,578	kg in	185	carloads		
D.	Liquid & solid fuels	63,228,380	kg in	3,157	carloads		
E.	Textiles	446,712	kg in	50	carloads &	50	boxes
F.	Foodstuffs	8,351,173	kg in	644	carloads		
G.	Lumber	2,584,935	kg in	172	carloads		
H.	Other items	1,222,168	kg in	107	carloads &	288	containers
	Total	84,113,190	kg in	4,658	carloads &	556	various containers

Apart from this, 1,463 empty tankers went through the two border stations, 1,075 from Czechoslovakia and 280 from Poland to Austria for refilling, and 108 in the opposite direction.

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2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during June 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	220,110	13	-	-	-	-	220,110	13
B.	1,540,965	119	123,140	10	2,707,571	152	4,371,676	281
C.	1,409,563	80	11,889	1	223,264	15	1,644,716	96
D.	15,502,000	993	44,721,750	2,025	-	-	60,223,750	3,018
E.	298,674	35	5,670	-	68,640	5	372,984	40
F.	4,777,363	369	-	-	2,554,437	147	7,331,800	516
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	67,036	7	15,925	1	72,631	7	155,592	15
Total	23,815,711	1,616	44,878,374	2,037	5,626,543	326	74,320,628	3,979

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Austria:		[redacted]				Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	220,110	13	-	-	-	-	220,110	13
B.	4,227,633	261	144,043	14	-	-	4,371,676	281
C.	1,177,650	70	384,371	21	82,695	5	1,644,716	96
D.	60,223,750	3,018	-	-	-	-	60,223,750	3,018
E.	-	-	304,344	35	68,640	5	372,984	40
F.	101,609	8	4,685,926	362	2,541,265	146	7,331,800	516
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	62,032	6	20,929	2	72,631	7	155,592	15
Total	66,015,784	3,382	5,539,613	434	2,765,231	163	74,320,628	3,979

(Abbreviations: AU - Austria
CSR - Czechoslovakia
[redacted]
HU - Hungary
PO - Poland
[redacted]
cld(s) - carload(s)
DNV - Devinska Nova Ves)

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3. Imports to the CSR via Marchegg - DNV in June 1955 were composed of:

a. Metals — 220,110 kg
in 13 clds from AU

(1) Copper — 120,110 kg
in six clds to DNV

(2) Soft foundry lead — 100,000 kg
in seven clds to DNV

b. Metal goods — 1,540,965 kg
in 119 clds (118 AU [redacted] & 17 cases (AU)

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(1) Corrugated sheet-iron — 510,077 kg
in 36 clds to DNV from AU

(2) Cable — 454,629 kg
in 31 clds to DNV from AU

(3) Iron sheets — 206,330 kg
in 12 clds to Bratislava from AU

(4) Copper in cathodes — 202,029 kg
in 10 clds to DNV from AU

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(5) Agricultural machinery (unspecified) in 15 clds to DNV from AU — 53,002 kg

(6) Aluminum semi-finished products in one cld to DNV from AU — 20,510 kg

(7) Copper plates in one cld to DNV from AU — 19,970 kg

(8) Lawn-mowers in four clds to DNV from AU — 19,720 kg

(9) Lathes in four clds to DNV from AU — 16,160 kg

(10) Parts of arc furnace in one cld to Dubnica (P49/T69) from AU — 13,372 kg

(11) Iron scythes in one cld to Bratislava from AU — 12,108 kg

(12) Crane spare-parts in one cld to Cierna n.Tisou (R49/E90) from AU — 4,145 kg

(13) Pair of wheels in one cld to Trnava (P49/T22) — 4,093 kg 25X1

(14) Heating-installation in one cld to Kysucke Nove Mesto (Q50/X52) from AU — 2,886 kg

(15) Band steel in 14 cases to DNV from AU — 1,647 kg

(16) Printing foils (Praegefolien) in two cases to Bratislava from AU — 246 kg

(17) Pump parts in one case to Puchov (P50/061) from AU — 41 kg

c. Chemicals in 80 clds (62 AU — 1,409,563 kg 25X1

(1) Alcohol in 40 tankers to DNV from AU — 683,750 kg

(2) Mineral wax ("Zeresin") in 22 clds to DNV from AU — 382,400 kg

(3) Sulphur in 13 clds to Bratislava — 260,718 kg 25X1

(4) Urea in three clds to Zilina (Q50/092) — 46,995 kg 25X1

(5) Artificial caoutchouc in one cld to Bratislava and one cld to Velke Bielice (Q49/T75) — 35,700 kg 25X1

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d. Liquid fuels (crude oil) in 993 tankers to DNV from AU (Matzen) — 15,502,000 kg

e. Textiles (raw cotton) in 35 clds to Bratislava — 298,674 kg — 25X1

f. Foodstuffs in 369 clds — 4,777,363 kg — 25X1

(1) Lemons in 356 clds to DNV — 4,617,852 kg — 25X1

(2) Oranges in eight clds to DNV from AU — 104,609 kg

(3) Fruit juice in four clds — 44,902 kg — 25X1

to: Banska Bystrica (Q49/C76) 11,245 kg in one cld
Krupina (Q49/C61) 11,223 kg in one cld
Trencin (P49/T58) 11,260 kg in one cld
Kosice (R49/E34) 11,174 kg in one cld

(4) Almonds in one cld to Trnava — 10,000 kg — 25X1

g. Other items in seven clds (6 AU — 67,036 kg — 25X1

(1) Resonance planks (sic) in four clds to Hradec Kralove (O51/G71) and Zakolany (N51/L69) from AU — 48,220 kg

(2) Electric material (unspecified) in one cld to DNV from AU — 13,277 kg

(3) Laurel-leaves in one cld to Bratislava — 5,004 kg — 25X1

(4) Empty containers (used) in one cld to Piestany (P49/T44) from AU — 535 kg

4. The goods consigned to Poland consisted of:

a. Liquid fuels in 2,025 tankers from AU — 44,721,750 kg

(1) Crude oil in 1,275 tankers from Vienna & Matzen — 23,866,900 kg

to: Trzebinia 19,811,530 kg in 1,060 tankers
Jedlice 4,055,370 kg in 215 tankers

(2) Gas oil in 473 tankers from Vienna — 13,070,620 kg

to: Slawecice 3,467,890 kg in 130 tankers
Wroclaw 3,443,860 kg in 132 tankers
Szczecin 2,300,430 kg in 55 tankers
Ustrzyki 1,953,240 kg in 75 tankers
Kozle 1,242,860 kg in 52 tankers
Nowa Sol 662,340 kg in 29 tankers

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(3) Gasoline — 5,063,370 kg
in 176 tankers from Vienna
to: Czechowice 2,199,950 kg in 74 tankers
Slawecice 1,549,840 kg in 57 tankers
Limanowa 708,530 kg in 26 tankers
Zagorzany 592,160 kg in 18 tankers
Wroclaw 12,890 kg in 1 tanker

(4) Petroleum — 2,479,340 kg
in 88 tankers from Vienna
to: Bierawa 1,835,280 kg in 65 tankers
Limanowa 534,300 kg in 18 tankers
Bukowina 109,760 kg in 5 tankers

(5) Auto oil — 241,520 kg
in 13 tankers from Gross Schwechat
to Czechowice

b. Metal goods — 123,140 kg 25X1
in 10 clds & 196 containers which contained:

auto spare parts 101,996 kg in 7 clds & 151 cases
tractor spare parts 14,664 kg in 2 clds
transformers 5,268 kg in 15 crates
automobile 790 kg in 1 cld
machine spare parts 282 kg in 26 containers
Machinery (unspecified) 79 kg in 2 containers
ironware (unspecified) 61 kg in 2 containers

c. Other items — 15,925 kg 25X1
in one cld & 40 cases which contained:

slate plates 13,400 kg in 1 cld
electric material (unspecified) 1,818 kg in 35 cases
rubber pipes 707 kg in 5 cases

d. Chemicals ("Paratolaidin" - sic) — 11,889 kg 25X1
in one cld

e. Textiles (artificial silk yarn) — 5,670 kg 25X1
in 53 boxes

5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted of:

a. Metal goods — 2,707,571 kg 25X1
in 152 clds (149 AU which contained:

sheet iron 972,530 kg in 59 clds from AU
iron semi-finished products 546,958 kg in 27 clds from AU
iron wire 507,056 kg in 25 clds from AU
iron braces 220,250 kg in 11 clds from AU
steel rods 181,800 kg in 11 clds from AU
band steel 118,870 kg in 7 clds from AU
steel wire 86,040 kg in 5 clds from AU
band iron 29,990 kg in 2 clds from AU
machinery (unspecified) 16,810 kg in 3 clds from IT
copper semi-finished products 15,680 kg in 1 cld from AU
ironware (unspecified) 11,587 kg in 1 cld from AU

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b. Foodstuffs
in 147 clds [redacted] which contained: 2,554,437 kg 25X1

wheat flour 2,541,265 kg in 146 clds [redacted] 25X1
lemons 13,172 kg in 1 cld

c. Chemicals
in 15 clds (8 AU; 7 IT) which contained: 223,264 kg

natrium hydroxide	61,299 kg in	4 clds [redacted] 25X1
ammoniac gas liquefied	60,000 kg in	5 clds from AU
butyl alcohol	51,500 kg in	3 clds from AU
crude tartar	50,465 kg in	3 clds [redacted] 25X1

d. Other items (raffia bast)
in seven clds [redacted] 72,631 kg 25X1

e. Textiles (rags)
in five clds [redacted] 68,640 kg 25X1

6. Shipments in the direction DNV - Marchegg during June 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities: 25X1

	Austria: kg	cars	[redacted] kg	cars	kg	cars	Total: kg	cars
A.	296,628	18	-	-	-	-	296,628	18
B.	493,690	14	13,230	2	128,910	5	635,830	21
C.	354,600	33	630,362	44	125,900	12	1,110,862	89
D.	3,004,630	139	-	-	-	-	3,004,630	139
E.	73,728	10	-	-	-	-	73,728	10
F.	157,513	16	185,128	18	676,732	94	1,019,373	128
G.	140,770	10	2,244,845	150	199,320	12	2,584,935	172
H.	936,668	86	90,298	12	39,610	4	1,066,576	102
Total	5,458,227	326	3,163,863	226	1,170,472	127	9,792,562	679

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia: kg	cars	Poland: kg	cars	Hungary: kg	cars	Total: kg	cars
A.	296,628	18	-	-	-	-	296,628	18
B.	589,540	17	11,340	1	34,950	3	635,830	21
C.	1,110,862	89	-	-	-	-	1,110,862	89
D.	3,004,630	139	-	-	-	-	3,004,630	139
E.	73,728	10	-	-	-	-	73,728	10
F.	515,701	45	-	-	503,672	83	1,019,373	128
G.	2,584,935	172	-	-	-	-	2,584,935	172
H.	1,036,576	100	-	-	30,000	2	1,066,576	102
Total	9,212,600	590	11,340	1	568,622	88	9,792,562	679

7. Exports from the CSR via DNV - Marchegg were composed of:

a. Metals
in 18 clds & two cases to AU 296,628 kg

(1) Pig iron
in 18 clds from DNV to Waidhofen 296,400 kg

(2) Chromium ore
in two cases from Lucenec (Q49/D01) to AU 228 kg

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b. Metal goods 589,540 kg
in 17 clds (13 AU 25X1

(1) Iron pipes 223,700 kg
in seven clds from DNV to AU

(2) Iron semi-finished products 136,700 kg
in four clds from DNV to AU

(3) Iron rods 93,960 kg
in two clds from Podbrezova (Q49/D06) 25X1

(4) Rolled iron sheets 61,750 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU

(5) Iron plates 60,200 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU

(6) Bath tubs 12,230 kg
in one cld from Bratislava 25X1

(7) Pair of wheels 1,000 kg
in one cld from Trnava 25X1

c. Chemicals 1,110,862 kg
in 89 clds 33 AU 25X1

(1) Charcoal 552,760 kg
in 53 clds from Hnusta (Q49/D33) 25X1
to: AU 249,160 kg in 26 clds
192,700 kg in 16 clds 25X1
110,900 kg in 11 clds

(2) Cellulose 437,662 kg
in 28 clds from Martin (Q50/C69) 25X1

(3) Sulphuric acid 49,040 kg
in three clds from DNV to AU

(4) Bleaching lye 30,000 kg
in two clds from Bratislava
to: 15,000 kg in 1 cld 25X1
AU 15,000 kg in 1 cld

(5) Carbide 15,900 kg
in one cld from Novaky (Q49/T97) to AU

(6) Feldspar 15,500 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU

(7) Starch 10,000 kg
in one cld from Boleraz (P49/T13) to AU

d. Liquid & solid fuels 3,004,630 kg
in 139 clds to AU

(1) Coke 1,760,400 kg
in 82 clds from Ostrava (P50/059) to AU

(2) Aviation gasoline[1] 1,187,400 kg
in 54 tankers from DNV to AU

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(3) Gasoline — 56,830 kg
in three tankers from DNV to AU

e. Textiles — 73,728 kg
in ten clds to AU

(1) Rags — 61,650 kg
in nine clds from DNV to AU

(2) Cotton — 12,078 kg
in one cld from Komarno (P48/Y76) to AU

f. Foodstuffs — 515,701 kg
in 45 clds [redacted] 16 AU [redacted] 25X1 25X1

(1) Malt — 173,060 kg
in 11 clds from Trnava [redacted] 25X1

(2) Fresh meat — 111,108 kg
in 11 clds from DNV [redacted] 25X1

(3) Sheep cheese (bryndza) — 68,940 kg
in nine clds from Zvolen (Q49/C74) to AU

(4) Fresh eggs — 44,813 kg
in five clds from DNV to AU

(5) Frozen meat — 44,060 kg
in four clds from DNV [redacted] 25X1

(6) Dressed poultry — 29,960 kg
in three clds from DNV [redacted] 25X1

(7) Cottonseed oil — 28,470 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU

(8) Rice — 15,290 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU

g. Lumber — 2,584,935 kg
in 172 clds [redacted] 10 AU) from various stations in Slovakia 25X1

(1) Cut lumber — 1,146,250 kg
in 76 clds
to: [redacted] AU — 909,360 kg in 60 clds; 159,120 kg in 10 clds; 77,770 kg in 6 clds 25X1

(2) Tree trunks & logs — 1,094,455 kg
in 73 clds
[redacted] — 1,054,255 kg in 71 clds; 40,200 kg in 2 clds 25X1

(3) Sets of wooden cases — 281,230 kg
in 19 clds [redacted] 25X1

(4) Oaken friezes — 63,000 kg
in four clds to AU

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h. Other items
in 100 clds (86 AU [redacted] & 248 containers (247 AU [redacted]) 1,036,576 kg 25X1

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(1) Cement
in 80 clds from Brno to AU 865,015 kg

(2) Vetch seeds
in three clds from DNV to AU 45,240 kg

(3) Paper (unspecified)
in three clds from Ruzomberok (Q50/C99) [redacted] 32,531 kg 25X1

(4) Corn-cob pressed boards
in three clds from Bratislava [redacted] 21,550 kg 25X1

(5) Horn trimmings
in two clds from DNV to AU 19,500 kg

(6) Hollow glassware
in three clds from Lednicke Rovne (P50/060) 18,248 kg
[redacted] 14,148 kg in 2 clds 25X1
4,100 kg in 1 cld

(7) Broom straw
in three clds from DNV [redacted] 16,452 kg 25X1

(8) Straw (unspecified)
in one cld from DNV to AU 6,485 kg

(9) Medicinal herbs
in one cld & two boxes from DNV 5,747 kg
to: [redacted] 5,510 kg in 1 cld 25X1
AU 237 kg in 2 boxes

(10) Electric material (unspecified)
in one cld from Presov (R49/E37) [redacted] 5,400 kg 25X1

(11) Personal belongings
in one case from Bratislava [redacted] 217 kg 25X1

(12) Empty sacks (used)
244 pieces from Brno to AU 110 kg

(13) Kitchen pots
in one case from Filakovo (Q49/D20) to AU 81 kg

8. The only item apart from empty tank cars shipped from Poland via DNV - Marchegg in June 1955 was one cld (11,340 kg) of iron traps (zelezne stopy) to Austria.

9. Shipments from Hungary via DNV - Marchegg consisted of:

a. Foodstuffs (beans)
in 83 clds [redacted] 503,672 kg 25X1

b. Metal goods (bath tubs)
in three clds [redacted] 34,950 kg 25X1

c. Other items ("bentonit"[2])
in two clds [redacted] 30,000 kg 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. Note the sudden jump in CSR aviation gasoline shipments to Austria which started only three months ago. In May the amount shipped was negligible (56,180 kg). The sudden increase may be connected with the forthcoming withdrawal of Soviet Air Force units from Austria. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. "Bentonit" is finely ground lye used in the manufacture of soap. 25X1

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